

National Evaluation

G.R.E.A.T. recently underwent a comprehensive long-term study to measure the impact of the program.

This five year study was conducted by NIJ in conjunction with the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The results of the evaluation demonstrated that students who participated in the program had:

- Lower rates of victimization
- More negative views about gangs
- More favorable attitudes towards the police
- More peers involved in pro-social activities
- Lower levels of involvement in risk seeking behaviors

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is a life-skills competency program designed to provide students with the skills they need to avoid gang pressure and youth violence.

G.R.E.A.T.'s violence prevention curriculum helps students develop beliefs and practice behaviors that will help them avoid destructive behaviors.

This proven curriculum will teach the students:

- Truths about gangs and violence
- Roles in their families, schools and communities
- Goal setting tips
- How to make G.R.E.A.T. decisions
- Communication skills
- Empathy for others
- Responding to peer pressure
- Anger management
- Resolving conflicts

NO VIOLENCE IS G.R.E.A.T.



G.R.E.A.T. originated through a combined effort of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the Phoenix Police Department, Phoenix, Arizona. The effort was congressionally supported as part of ATF's Project Outreach.

The program originally began as a nine lesson middle-school curriculum. In early 1992 the first G.R.E.A.T. Officer Training was held, as well as the first Summer component in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1993, due to its success, the program was expanded nationwide. Between 1993-98, the program added the regional partners, a National Policy Board (NPB) as well as thousands of trained officers.

In 2000, the program underwent a curriculum review. This review was the result of a longitudinal study by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). This review enhanced the original program to 13 interactive, facilitation style lessons and reinforces the skills learned.

The new curriculum was piloted in 14 cities nationwide with overwhelming success.


G.R.E.A.T. Curriculum

1. Welcome to G.R.E.A.T.	Program introduction Relationship between Gangs, Violence, Drugs and Crime
2. Whats the Real Deal?	Message Analysis Facts and Fiction about Gangs and Violence
3. Its about us	Community Roles and Responsibility What you can do about Gangs
4. Where do we go from here?	Setting Realistic and Acheivable Goals
5. Decisions, Decisions, Decisions	G.R.E.A.T. Decision-Making Model Impact of Decisions on Goals Decision-Making Practice
6. Do you hear what I am Saying?	Effective Communication Verbal vs. Non-Verbal
7. Walk in someone elses shoes	Active listening Identification of Different Emotions Empathy for Others
8. Say it like you mean it	Body Language Tone of Voice Refusal Skills Practice
9. Getting along without going along	Influences, Peer Pressure and Refusal Skills Practice
10. Keeping your cool	G.R.E.A.T. Anger Management Tips Practice Cooling Off
11. Keeping it together	Recognizing Anger in Others Tips for Calming Others
12. Working it out	Consequences for Fighting G.R.E.A.T. Tips for Conflict Resolution Conflict Resolution Practice Where to go for Help
13. Looking back	Program Review "Making my School G.R.E.A.T." Project



The G.R.E.A.T. Program also offers a Family Component and Summer Program, as part of its comprehensive package.

Both of these programs are utilized as reinforcement of the G.R.E.A.T. 13- lesson curriculum. These programs are designed to help strengthen the effectiveness of the in-class lessons by involving family and the community.

 has developed partnerships with nationally recognized organizations such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the National Association of Police Athletic Leagues and the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office. These partnerships will encourage positive relationships between the community, parents, schools, and law enforcement officers.